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322.

To American Embassy re KATZ @ BREDA

322a

323

From American Embassy re. 322a.

323a.

~~Top and Torch report giving photostat copy of extracts 323ab.~~
~~of letters found among WISTUBAS's papers. irrelevant - removed~~
 Cross Ref. to extract from int. letter re. O. KATZ

323b

324.

Details re KATZ, Otto, forwarded by S.I.S. 11.2.41
 H.O. File 666546 re revision of H.O. Circular prohibiting entry of KATZ to the U.K.

324x.

324a.

325.

To S.I.S. (copy) re Emile BURE & connection with Otto KATZ. 325a

326.

Copy of a note from D.4.d.1 to B.24.L

326.

327.

Cross reference to M/S report No.3. re KATZ Otto.

327a.

328.

From Press Section to B.24d, and from B.24d to B.4b(2) re
 Otto KATZ.

328a.

329.

Spoke to Press Section with reference to 328a. They
 will let me have a review of "J'Accuse" of which the
 Author is supposed to be Otto KATZ.

B.4.b(2)
 25.4.41.

L. J. E. Bagot.

330.

Review of "J'Accuse" , see 329a.

330a.

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331

5.41. Censor's Comment on letter from LE COMMANDANT J. ESCARRA to MONSIEUR A. PIRAUD.

331a.

332

14.7.41. To S.I.S. attaching Censor's Comment at 331a.

332a.

333.

27.7.41. From S.I.S. re Andre SIMONE & Otto KATZ being identical.

333a

28.7.41. Photostat copies of:- letter enclosing copy & translation of letter from FEISTMAN R. to AUKZYNAKI.J. mentioning KATZ.

333b.

334.

E.1A. - Mrs. Pitt

Please see 331a - 333a. I should be grateful for any information that you may be able to obtain on this subject through your French contacts.

F.2b/MJEB. *She for Mr & Bagot.*
2.8.41.

7.8.41.

Cross Ref. to letter of Marceau Pivert to John MacNair mentioning Otto KATZ.

334b.

F.2b MJEB

11.8.41.

335.

I am up the Ministry of Information - Mr. Brennan, who said he would try & get some idea of the evidence on which the identification Simone = Katz was based. He said it might take some time to do, but will let me know in due course.

EIA
10.8.41

Am Pitt.

336.

11.41.

To E.1.A. re identity of KATZ.

336a.

337.

12.41.

Photostat Copy of report re Communists in Mexico, mentioning KATZ.

337x.

12.41.

Int. memo. from F.2b/MJEB to E.1a (French Section) re Otto KATZ.

337a.

12.41.

Minuted & Seen, thank you".

338.

29.4.42. Censor's Comment and copy of letter from PIVERT to BROCKWAY.

338x

5.5.42. Censor's Comment on letter from OTTO KATZ, to
F.C. WEISKOPF.

338a

339.

8.5.42. Photostat copy of letter from M.J.E. Bagot to
Captain S.H.H. Mills, S.I.S., enclosing photostat
comment by the U.S.A. Censor on a letter from
Edna PHILLIPS to Pedro GONZALES.

339a.

340.

5.6.42 Phot. copy of Censors Comment on letter from
Otto KATZ to Kurt ROSENFELD. Filed 10.7.42.

340a

341.

14.6.42. Copy of Censors Comment on letter (dated 25.5.42)
from Kurt ROSENFELD to Otto KATZ. Filed 10.7.42.

341a.

342.

10.7.42. To S.I.S. enc copies of 340a and 341a.

342a.

14.7.42 Extract from int. letter from M. PIVERT to F.
BROCKWAY, mentioning O. KATZ.

342b.

343.

15.7.42. Extract from S.I.S. Report re Rudolph FEISTMANN, ment: KATZ.

343a.

344.

21.7.42. Extract from S.I.S. letter encl. report from New York
on Communist Activities in Mexico, ment. SIMON.

3

345.

26.8.42. Copy of letter to KAHLE. Lt. Col. Hans. ~~from SIMON.~~
~~XXXXX~~ enclosing copy of letter from SIMONS. Andre.

345a.

29.8.42 Photostat copies of censor's comment on letters from WOLF to PIVERT
& from PIVERT to WOLF mentioning KATZ forwarded by S.I.S.

345b

346

F2.a.You may care to see 345a. Would you
ask the Registry for any necessary action, please?10.9.42
F2.b/MJEBh. J.E. Bagot.
M.J.E. Bagot.

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347.

2 Censor's comment on int. letter from KATZ to E. WINTER

347a

348.

42. Censor's comment on int. letter from SIMONS. Andre.
to "NEW MASSES".

348a.

349.

2. From S.I.S. (dated 8.11.42) enc report re Ted DRAPER.
Filed 12.11.42.

349a

350.

1-42. Extract from S.B. Report re Free German Organisations in
America mentioning Dr. KATZ

350a

351.

2.42. To S.B. re Otto KATZ and Leopold BAUER.

351a.

12.42. Extract from letter from S.I.S. re German American
Emergency Conference. ment. Otto KATZ. Filed 15.1.43.

351a.

352.

12.42. Copy of Censor's Comment on Int. letter from Andre SIMONE
to "NEW MASSES" (Mr Joe STAROBIN)

352a.

353.

12.42. From F.2.b. to S.I.S. re Censor's Comment at 252a.

253a.

[OVER

354.

9.1.43. ^{P.F. 47298} [From S.I.S. in reply to 353a re FUERTH.]

355

20.1.43 From S.I.S. (dated 18.1.43) enc. report re NEW "BROWN BOOK".
Filed 31.1.43.

356.

8.2.43. Censors comment on letter from Pearn Pollinger & Higham to LIEBER, maxim. mentioning SIMONE. (Filed 17.3.43.)
 9.4.43. Censor's comment on int. letter from Andre SIMONE to NEW MASSAS. (filed 23.5.43.)

357.

10.1.43. Censor

23.4.43. Extract from a report re the Workers University in Mexico, dated 7.4.43. mentioning SIMONE @ KATZ

26.4.43. Copy of letter to Major Mills S.I.S. re Otto and Leopold KATZ. Filed 19.10.43.

359.

24.5.43. From S.I.S. attaching report from Mexico regarding Otto KATZ.

10.6.43. Extract from S.I.S. report re Mexican Communist Party, mentioning Otto KATZ. 359. Filed 22.6.43.

18.6.43. To S.I.S. re Otto KATZ alias André SIMONE, etc.

360..

360.

18.8.43. Extract from S.I.S. report mentioning KATZ

361.

24.11.43. Extract from H.O. file 324a.

362.

24.11.43. Extract from S.I.S. report re. Act: of Soviet Embassy and Free Germans in Mexico, mentioning KATZ.

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363.

From S.I.S. re transit visa for Otto KATZ.

363a.

364.

15.2.44. To S.I.S. in reply to 363a.

364a.

365.

A.D.F. (through F.2b/c)

You may care to see Mr. Curry's letter of 10.2.44. filed at 363a and my reply at 364a in connection with your minute 124 in S.F.50/14/21 vol.2.

F.2b/MJEB.
15.2.44.

M.J.E. Bagot.
M.J.E. Bagot.

366.

Copy of letter from Colonial Office enc. copy of correspondence 366 with Miss Ellen WILKINSON re transit visa for KATZ.

367.

A.D.D.4.

Please see 366a. As you will remember we discussed 363a and I subsequently replied to S.I.S. (364a). I should be grateful for your comments on the question of Otto KATZ's transit visa.

F.2b/MJEB.
23.2.44.

M.J.E. Bagot.
M.J.E. Bagot.

368

To P.C.D. re Otto KATZ.

Copy of note for file.

368a.

368b.

369.

S.I.S. report re KATZ.

369a.

370.

F.2.b. (Miss Bagot).

To see 369a. please.

D.4.a.4.

E.F. Allnutt.
E.F. Allnutt.

371.

1.4.44. Extract from S.I.S. Report on Int ; letter mentioning KATZ.

372.

15.4.44. Extract from Security Executive report re. C.T.A.L. in S.America, mentioning O.KATZ, forwarded by S.I.S.

373.

2.5.44. Extract from WILLERT's file re KATZ

374.

18.6.44. Copy of letter to American Embassy re WILLERT's employment

375.

21.6.44. Extract from WILLERT's file re KATZ

376.

2.8.44 F.2b/MJEB note re Otto KATZ.

377.

16-11 44. From SB.
30.11 44. From S.I.S. (CX/12650/2772/IX) re. KATZ @ SIMONE.

378.

Spoke to Mr. Philby, S.I.S., yesterday, with reference to 377a and asked if he could discover the capacity in which Otto KATZ proposes to accompany TOLEDANO's party to the Trade Union conference. Unless KATZ is technically qualified on national trade union grounds there is no reason why his application for a visa should be granted.

384.

22.2.46.

D.4.a.4 rang;
 Otto KATZ - German - b. 27.5.95
 Egon KISCH " b. 29.4.85
 Antonio GOMEZ-DEANS - Spaniard with Soviet Citizenship.
 No trace of recent visa applications; in case of
 KATZ since end of 1944.

F.2a(b)/MBT
 25.2.46.

*Minors and
 26/2.*

385.

23.2.46.

From E.1.b. "Queen Elizabeth" leaving U.S.A.
 28th Feb. and due to arrive Southampton 6th March.

*Minors and
 26/2.*

386

23.2.46.

From S.I.S. report re Katz's and KISCH's movements.

386a

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378

6.1.45.

Censor's comment on int. letter from Jack VENEY
to Mr. and Mrs. SHERMAN COOPER, mentioning Otto
KATZ (Andre SIMON)

378a

379.

26.6.45.

Form re the inclusion of KATZ etc. on Post War Black List.

379a.

380.

9.7.45.

Censor's comment on int:letter from MERKER to
BARSKY, mentioning KATZ, Otto.

380a.

381

15.2.46.

From American Embassy re DEANS, Antonio Gomez

381a

382

2.46.

Note from A.D.F. re DEANS, KISCH and KATZ

382a

383

From S.I.S. re KATZ and KISCH.

383a

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 D.4.a(Captain Kennedy)

If KATZ and KISCH (and GOMEZ Y DEANS) are aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" without transit visas, I think it is up to the Home Office to decide whether they are landed. If, however, they are landed, I shall be grateful if it could be arranged that

- (a) We are informed immediately of their forwarding address.
- (b) They register with the Police on arrival at their destination.
- (c) Their transit visas are for the shortest possible duration.

Handwritten: M. B. Towndrow
 M. B. Towndrow.

F.2.a(b)
 4.3.46

388.

Handwritten: Mrs. Towndrow
F.2.a/b. Mrs. Towndrow.

As requested I spoke to Immigration Branch, Home Office (Mr. Spinks) and asked them that if Messrs. KISCH and KATZ arrive and it was decided to land them, that we should be informed immediately of their forward address. This should be made a condition of their landing, that they should report forthwith to the Police and that the duration of their stay in this country should be as short as possible. Mr. Spinks asked me if we would prefer that they should not be allowed to land, to which I replied that we would certainly prefer it, but that we are not in a position in the present circumstances to put up a request that they should be Refused Leave to Land, should the Immigration Officer decide to land them.

As I informed you this morning, P.C.O. New York says that he has not granted visas to either of them. Naturally I also informed Mr. Spinks of this, whereupon he rather lost interest stating that he was perfectly certain that they would not have been allowed on board. I imagine however that notwithstanding this, he will still warn Southampton to look out for them.

D.4.a.
 5.3.46.
 DPK/FMB.

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389.

I ascertained from D.4 (Captain Kennedy) that Otto KATZ and wife (Ilse KLAGMAN) and Egon KISCH arrived Southampton at 12.50 p.m. on the "Queen Elizabeth" on the 6th March. They held transit visas for U.K. and Sweden which had been granted in Mexico. After deliberation they were landed for a period of 14 days and gave their intended address as c/o Czech Legation.

It was later ascertained from Chief Inspector Bridges of Special Branch that the Party spent the night of the 6th at the Godolphin Hotel, Southampton, and travelled up to London on the 7th. They are staying at the Picadilly Hotel. Special Branch are taking no further action.

F.2.a(b)/LBT
8.3.46

390

6.3.46. From S.B. re arrival of KATZ AND KISCH.

390a

391.

7.3.46. From S.B. re KATZ and KISCH.

391a

392.

8.3.46. From S.B. re KATZ and KISCH.

392a

8.3.46. From American Embassy re KATZ and KISCH.

392b

11.3.46. From H.M. Chief Inspector, Immigration Branch re KATZ

392c

393.

NOTE:

On 12.3.46. S.I.S. Phoned that he wished to brief his representative on KATZ and KISCH (as he understood they might travel to Czechoslovakia by that route) and asked if we would supply a brief summary of our information on them. After explaining that our evidence was that they would travel via Sweden, I gave him brief chronological summaries of the information on file together with up to date passport details etc.

William L. Smith

F.2.a(b)
13.3.46.

394.

8.3.46. From H.M. Chief Inspector - Report on KATZ, Otto

394

395

12.3.46. To Passport Control re KATZ and KISCH.

395

13.3.46. From E.5.L. - reporting Katz' and Kisch's arrival in London.

396

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himself
F.2.a/B (Mrs. Towndrow) (COPY OF MINUTE)

We should consider whether the Home Office circulars on these two can be cancelled, so I would be most grateful if you would let me have your views. If you consider the circulars should be maintained, it seems to me that the RLL action might be amended?

Incidentally, Otto KATZ was put for inclusion in the P.W.B.L.

signed Mary E. Hobkirk.

D.4.c
12.3.46.

CLE H.H.
19/3 In Action 397.
D.4.a (Captain Kennedy)

According to 394a the Katz party have changed their plans and instead of proceeding to Czechoslovakia via Sweden they now intend to go via France. S.I.S. are anxious to learn of their arrival in France and I should, therefore, be grateful if you could arrange for me to be informed as soon as possible when they embark.

himself me
M. B. Towndrow.

F.2.a(b)
15.3.46

398.

15.3.46. To S.I.S. re KATZ and Kisch

398a

399.

15.3.46. To Special Branch re the KATZ party

399

400

15.3.46. To American Embassy re Katz Party.

400a

21.3.46. From Croydon re KATZ

400b

401

himself
F2a/b Mrs. Towndrow

I spoke to Mr. Spinks, Home Office, who was consulted by the Immigration Officer when these people arrived.

He will let me know at once if they have already left and, if not, will advise us as soon as they do.

Cl
22 Mar 46

Mary E. Hobkirk

402.

21.3.46. From S.B. Report concerning KATZ and KISCH.

402a

403.

26.3.46. To American Embassy re KATZ party.

403a

404.

26.3.46. To S.I.S. re KATZ party.

404a

405.

C.1. (Miss Hobkirk)

With reference to minute 396, we spoke. There is no indication to suggest that Katz, Kisch and Klagemann have in any way modified their activities. I would, therefore, recommend strongly that the circulars are maintained and that all three are in future refused leave to land. I appreciate that they have already been landed recently but you will recall that the visas were apparently granted direct in Mexico without reference to the Suspect List and to this office.

M. B. Towndrow
M. B. Towndrow.

F.2.a(b).
29.3.46

406.

1.4.46. To H.O. re KATZ, KISCH, and KLAGEMANN. Circulars maintained.

406a.

407.

Min. 3/4
F.2.a/b. Mrs. Towndrow.

Please see 406a.

C.1/S.I.
1.4.46.

Mary E. Hobkirk
Mary E. Hobkirk.

408.

8.5.46. From P.C.D. re KATZ.

408a.

409

9.5.46. To S.I.S. re KATZ.

409a.

13.5.46. Ext. from S.I.S. report re 8th Congress of Comm. Party ~~mont~~. SIMON @ KATZ. (filed 27.8.46)

409b

410.

23.5.46. X-ref. to letter from American Embassy re ~~LOREDO~~ mentioning KATZ

12.8.46. Copy letter to S.I.S. attaching copy of "Czech Democracy No. 6" dated July 1946.

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.46. Removal of Green card for KATZ from T.I.

411a

412

17.4.47. Extract from S.I.S. Letter re Joseph KATZ ment. Otto KATZ

412a

413.

17.4.47. Extract from memorandum on the interviews with Hedi and Paul MASSING regarding Soviet Espionage, mentioning KATZ.

413a.

8.12.47. From I.B., Home Office attaching copy of circular for KATZ.

413b.

414.

19.12.47. From S.I.S. CX/29799.R.5.C. re KATZ and KISCH, enclosing report from Prague.

414a

415.

B.2.B.

Please see 414a which you may wish to have transferred to the file covering Czech Intelligence.

I should be grateful if the Registry could put copies into this file (PF.41664) and also into PF.41804 KISCH. As you will note, both are at present covered by circulars instructing refusal of visa and leave to land.

Could you please ask the Registry to note paragraph 2 of the enclosure to 414a for SF.411/France.

M. J. E. Bagot
M. J. E. Bagot.

B.1.B.
29.12.47.

416.

12.1.48. Memo re Miss Pusey's letter at 413b.

416a.

417.

B.1.B. Miss Bagot.

Please see serial 413b. & 416a.

Home Office are asking whether we agree that the code letter 'm' should be added to the case sheet for KATZ and his aliases in the Home Office Suspect Index. The code letter 'm' in fact means that this 'gating' order is one put forward by M.I.5. and that any report from Immigration Officer's to Immigration Branch would be referred to us, by the latter. In short, is it an M.I.5. wish that KATZ should be R.L.L.

As a matter of interest the code letter D means R.L.L. and does not cover refusal of visa for which the code letter is 'R'. If it is M.I.5's wish that he should be refused a visa and R.L.L., then the entry should read 'scm - RD.'

I believe I am right in saying that if M.I.5. are to be responsible for a 'gating' order, that each case should have approval of D.B. May I have your observations please, after which we will send a suitable reply to Home Office.

C.4.a.
12.1.48.

W.S. Mars.

418

B.2.b. (Miss McBarnet)

As spoken. You may care to comment on minute 417.

From a B.1.b. angle the order could be cancelled and the case covered adequately by arranging for our notification if KATZ should apply for a visa and if he should arrive at any port. In the latter contingency I should arrange to be notified immediately of his forward address in this country and at his departure.

B.1.b.
16.1.48.

L. J. Bagot.
M.J.E. Bagot

B.2.a Miss Cape

Please see minutes 417 and 418. I do not really think that KATZ can be described as engaged on espionage. I feel, however, that you may like to express an opinion in view of the report at 414A.

Will you let Miss Bagot know if you think the gating order should be retained.

B.2.b.
17.1.48

E. McBarnet.

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*24Q for
10.3.48. 241.*
C.4.a. Major Mars.

As you will see from Minutes 418 and 419, B.2.a, B.2.b, and B.1.b. consider that the Gating Order for Otto KATZ could be cancelled provided that he is covered as requested in the attached W.S. form 17.

If provision has been made for these requirements already, would you please ignore the W.S. form.

B.1.b.
22.1.48.

M. J. E. Bagot
M.J.E. Bagot

421.

24.1.48. To Home Office cancelling circular S.C. 8455 for KATZ. 421a.

422.

24.1.48. To Home Office attaching draft circular for KATZ. 422a.

423.

2.2.48. Extract from report dated 15.12.47. - 15.1.48, on Communist activities in Czechoslovakia, forwarded by S.I.S. on 31.1.48, mentioning KATZ. 423a.

1.48. Ext. from SIS. Report. on Rudolf FEISTMANN, ment. Otto KATZ. 423b

424a.

4.3.48. Copy of letter to S.I.S., mentioning KATZ. 424a.

9.3.48. Extract from S.I.S. report dated 8.3.48 on Communist activities in Czechoslovakia. 424b.

425.

6.1.48. Copy of cable from Daily Worker office re death of KISCH. 425a

426.

Letter from S.I.S. re cable, Min. 426. 426a

427.

Extract from B.1.b. source report mentioning SIMONE. 427a

[P.T. Over.]

428.

27.8.48. CX report dated 25.8.48. giving extracts from two reports from France
(dated June 1948) re KATZ.

428

429.

9.9.48. To R.I./H.O. requesting T.I. particulars for Paulo BREDA.

429a.

430

14.9.48. T.I. Arrival particulars requested.

430a.

431.

17.9.48. From S.I.S. further to 428a.

431a.

432.

22.9.48. B.1.b. note to B.4.c. re KATZ's visit to U.K. under false name.

432a

433.

22.9.48. To S.I.S. ref. 428a and 431a.

433

434.

2.10.48. B.1.a./7431, Source report re Otto KATZ.

435.

11.10.48. B.1.b. reply to B.1.a./7431 Source report re KATZ.

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.10.48. BIA/7519 report re Otto KATZ.

436a.

437.

16.11.48. From German Political Department re Otto KATZ in Berlin.

437a.

438.

30.11.48. From S.I.S. re KATZ

438a.

439.

6.12.48. From Immigration Branch, Home Office, re revision of names in H.O.S.I. 439a.

440.

C.4.a. *628-413*

With reference to 439a, the entry in the Home Office Suspect Index for Otto KATZ (Rudolf) @ JOSEPH @ Andre SIMON was revised in January 1948, vide 422a. The new circular S.C.8455 was issued by the Home Office on the 7th February, 1948, serial no. 42/48.

B.1.b.

10.12.48.

M.J.E. Bagot
M.J.E. Bagot

3.1.49. From American Embassy, London re Otto KATZ.

440b.

1.49. Int. note sent under cover of letter from Assist. Military Attache, French Embassy.
441

440b

25.1.49. To Immigration Branch in reply to 439a.

441a

442.

5.5.49.

16.1.49. Cross ref. of int. letter from Telepress, Czechoslovakia to D. KARTUN, (Daily Worker), enc. article by SIMONE @ KATZ. 442a

443.

15.3.49. Extract from list of personalities forwarded by S.I.S. with report on Czech activities in France.

443a.

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15.9.49. To R.C.M.P. mentioning SIMONE.

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---44 20.9.49. Ext from S.I.S. Report Mentioning KATZ, Otto.

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13.12.49. Ext from B.2.A. report ment. KATZ.

23.12.49. Ext from B.2.A. report ment. KATZ.

446.

20.2.50. Copy of letter to S.I.S. ref. 398a and asking for any further inf. re Ilse KATZ.

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Note

In reviewing the S.S.L it has been decided to retain Otto KATZ's name on this list.

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13.4.50 Extract from F.B.I. report mentioning KATZ

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20.2.51. Extract from TABLE, mentioning KATZ. (page 1.)

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1.3.51. To S.I.S. re KATZ, requesting brief note on him.

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16.3.51. From S.I.S. in reply to 449a re Otto KATZ.

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0.3.51. To B.4.d. asking for brief note on Otto KATZ.

451a.

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2.5.51. B.1.b/575 source report re KATZ.

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3.5.51. To S.I.S. forwarding inf. rec'd in B.1.B/575 source report at 452a.

453a.

454.

1.6.51. Ext. from Report re R. KATZ by Eastern European Section
mentioning Otto KATZ

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.8.51. Change of H.O.S.I. coding.

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NOTE.

The H.O.S.I./SSL entries for Otto KATZ have been reviewed and will be maintained.

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30.6.52. Secret Cross Reference re KATZ @ SIMONE.
28.10.52. Ext. from NORTH report.

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Extract for File No.: PF 41,664 Name: KATZ

From file No.: unfiled Serial: Dated: 24.10.52

Extracted on: 8.12.52 by: LM Section: R6

B.4.B. Ref.: KS 16/2309

Responsible Section: BIA/AJ

Date of Delivery: 28.10.52.

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Visitor comes in saying he came to see the International

Department but there is no-one there. BOB enquires for his

health and then asks if all the people are home now. No,

BASIN?? ph) should have come yesterday, but the rest are

waiting until November. Relates a long and complicated story

of muddled arrangements involving several cables.

BOB asks if it was a successful conference. Visitor's

immediate reply inaudible. He then says he has brought a

lot of stuff for the International Department.

Visitor says he wanted a word with BOB because of the arrest of OTTO KATZ, connected with the Reichstag Fire.

Then Visitor (believe he is IVOR MONTAGU) outlines

KATZ' history for BOB.

He tells BOB that when he went through Prague between 8 and 15

he rang KATZ' up, as he was in the habit of doing when in

Prague to arrange for them to lunch together. His wife

answered and said he would be sorry to have missed him but

he (KATZ) was away for ten days. A day later a girl

employed in the Ministry of Information called into the

World Council and said as MONTAGU knew KATZ she thought

she should tell him he'd been arrested. MONTAGU left

a message with ROY to tell HARRY when he went through as

HARRY knew him well.

MONTAGU is a bit worried in case KATZ is 'scrubbed'.

He (KATZ) has many times been near people who have turned out

bad ones, e.g. WILLI MUNKENBERG. If on the other hand

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KATZ is all right IVOR does not want to stop seeing him; on the other hand if he has done anything wrong he does not think he should conceal the fact that he used to go and see him. They were in the habit of exchanging propaganda material. Asks BOB what he should do about it; should he keep his mouth shut and say nothing or if that is the wrong thing to do. BOB doesn't think it is easy to say. Adds "If you talk to them here at the Embassy they don't know a damn thing". IVOR was wondering if he ought to say anything to the Soviet comrade in charge of
 (GOULAEV? phon) or to (HODINNA - SPURNY
 HARDEENOVA SPURNON??? phon). He did not say a word when he came through this time, but thought he would ask BOB. Goes on to say one irony is that on the 29th the Bulgarians are going to decorate "us all". And of course it is he who ought to be decorated. Laughs. BOB replies they must hope there is nothing wrong with the chap; of course everyone who has been in that bloody country is under suspicion. IVOR says KATZ spoke to him about that once or twice, IVOR thinks extremely ably. A joke was made of what they called the English disease that it was a trial for comrades and a test of character because those who hadn't made a good job of this didn't realise the inevitability of it - on the other hand those who were real comrades understood the necessity of it and took it very well. KATZ gave as an instance of this the young fellow ^(Paul) EISLER who married the daughter of the man who owns the News Chronicle, ^(Jean LAYTON) Layton. He'd been private secretary to GOTTLOV and on the basis of the precautions against everybody who had been outside they'd removed him from his post and put him in a factory and

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how well she'd taken it. She said she was delighted with it because she said it was the first time her husband had ever worked on regular hours. IVOR says KATZ was putting himself in the context of that of course from his clearing out of (RUDE PARVA??? phon). ^{RUDE PARVA} IVOR thinks 'they' are under heavier tension than any of the others. BOB explains that is because they are not such experienced people. IVOR goes on they have such a vulnerable frontier with the Americans concentrating on it. BOB answers you judge that from them here. Says, a bit sadly, old friend KAVAN is also in jail.

WARNING

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Immigration Branch,
Home Office.
(For the attention of Mr. Chinchon).

Subsequent to the new key, notified in your
AIB 4/2/4 of 20th July 1951 for use in the next
edition of the Home Office Suspect Index, the coding
for KATZ otto & alians SC/BS 8455 should now
read SA

It is noted that you amended the coding in our
draft circular from to

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Change of Coding in Home Office Suspect Index Circulars

A. To:- 3.1.8,

The key to the Home Office Suspect Index is being changed.

The old key, so far as it concerned this office was:-

- A. Suspicion not to be aroused, report arrival and address to M.I.5. by telephone or telegram.
- a. Report departure and address to M.I.5.
- Q. Refer to circular.
(NOTE. "Q" was used when any information other than arrival/departure and forward address was required).

S *Refer before granting visa*
The new key is:-

- A. Report arrival or departure, forward address and particulars of foreign visas and documents of interest to M.I.5. by telephone.
(NOTE. In case of British subjects the Immigration Officer is empowered only to satisfy himself that they are in fact British and where he obtains information on our behalf he must always do so without giving the suspect grounds for thinking he is under suspicion).
- J. Suspicions not to be aroused, report arrival or departure and forward address to M.I.5. by telephone.

Q. Refer to circular.
S *Refer before granting visa*

As the Home Office have asked to be notified immediately what new coding we require for each circular, will you please indicate below whether you agree that the coding should be amended from

SAaQ to SA

C.4.a.
1.8.51.

B. To C.4.a.

- 1) I agree with the proposed new coding.
- 2) ~~I consider the new coding should be~~ _____
- 3) ~~The circular may be cancelled.~~

(Delete whichever is not applicable)

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I should be grateful if you could let me have a brief note on Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMONE with particular reference to his current position in the Communist movement. It would be valuable if your sources could provide a summary of his activities since his return to Czechoslovakia.

448B

M. J. E. Bagot.

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for File No.: P.F. 41,664..... Name: KATZ Otto.....
 in File No.: P.F. 47,638..... Link Volume..... Serial: 5b..... Receipt Date: 21.6.51.....
 Original from: Foreign Office..... Under Ref.: CZB/139/51..... Dated: 14.6.51.....
 Extracted on: 4.7.51..... by: C.J.P...... Section: R.5.....

Extract from Report re R.KATZ by the Eastern European Section ,
Foreign Office research Dept forwarded to the Foreign Office London
mentioning Otto KATZ.

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A further point of interest is that Otto KATZ, alias Andre Sirone, editor and diplomatic correspondent of Rudé Pravo, the official Czech Communist organ, and a Soviet intelligence agent, spent the war years in Mexico and other Latin American countries. There is a possible link here between Rolf (or Rudolf) KATZ and Otto KATZ in the post-war co-ordination of Communist activities in the South American continent.

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PF.41664/B.1.B(MJEB)

3 May, 1951.

Dear

450- Would you please refer to correspondence regarding Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMONE ending with your CK.12650/2772/R.5.B.1. of 14 March, 1951.

The following notes have reached us from a source in this country found reliable on other occasions:-

452- "Since his return to Czechoslovakia in 1946 KATZ belonged to the editorial staff of the central Communist Prague daily, 'Rude Pravo', where he was political correspondent. As such he travelled a lot, often to Paris.

Some time ago KATZ disappeared, together with the head of the Passport Department of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a certain BROZ (? sp.) and a high-ranking official of the Prague Secret Police.

It is understood that KATZ has had some disagreement with his party and his present whereabouts are unknown."

Yours sincerely,

M. J. E. Bagot.

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20 April, 1951

Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMONE

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In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

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CX. 12650/2772 dated 14th March, 1951.
R.5.B.1.

ENCLOSURE

Dear Miss Bagot, *29/3/51* *16 MAR 1951*
TO *BIB*
REF *PF 41664*

449a Please refer to your PF. 41664/B.1.b/MJEB
dated 1st March 1951, regarding Otto KATZ.

In January 1949, the Czechoslovak Press referred to Andre SIMONE (an alias of Otto KATZ) as "the communist publicist". In February 1949, a report described him as the political editor of Rude Pravo and an official of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Information.

From this it seems likely that he would be engaged in the type of activity reported by your source but unfortunately we have no later record giving KATZ's current position.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M.J.E.Bagot.
M.I.5.

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PF.41664/B.1.b/MJEB.

1 March 1951.

Dear

Would you please refer to correspondence regarding Otto KATZ, including your of 15.3.49 and our PF.42279/B.1.b/MJEB. of 20.2.50.

According to a somewhat obscure report which has reached us from a well placed and delicate source, it appears that KATZ holds several posts: one in Communist Party educational work and others with the Czechoslovakian radio service, for which he acts as a script writer and commentator on Foreign Affairs.

As KATZ is liable to try and re-visit this country, we should be grateful if you could give us a brief note with particular reference to his current position in the Communist movement.

Yours sincerely,

M.J.E. Bagot.

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 From file No.: Serial: Dated: 16.2.51.
 Extracted on: 1.3.51. by: FM. Section: D.1.B.

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BETTY REID left and a few minutes later another girl entered.

Isabel BROWN?? Notes only.

The newcomer said that she found it very difficult to write articles and said that she would rather make speeches any day. She stated that a lot of people had been asking for BOB when she had been away and asked if he remembered KRAVITCH???? (phon). BOB said that he remembered him well and that he was now Ambassador ? in Moscow. The V. then asked if he remembered OTTO CARPS ??? (KATZ) (very phon), as she had been having supper with him in Prague. BOB asked what he was doing now and the V. replied that he had actually three jobs. One was in the Party School for Education, another was doing the Foreign Affairs commentary for the Czech Radio and the third was writing the script for the (Germans?????). She then asked BOB if he remembered Harry SCHMIDT and said that when he returned to Eastern Germany he was in charge of the Radio, but that he had been too much of an Individualist and didn't adhere closely enough to the Party so that he got chucked out of that job and was now employed in Mecklenburg in cultural work. She went on to ask if BOB knew what had happened to Karl ^{?Paul} ~~WERNER~~ (phon.) and stated that he had returned to his original job, which was managing a restaurant. She then said that Felix

had been with the Radio in ~~Prague~~ (with Mary

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SHAND?????) but was now on the Central Committee in charge of propaganda, and that KERNAN????(phon.) was Chairman of the National Front. BOB asked about his wife, but the V. stated that she had seen neither of them.

The V. went on to say that she had spoken on Friday night at a big public meeting in Berlin and that after that there was a never ending stream of people coming to speak to her and to greet her. She stated that she couldn't remember many of them though they used to attend the Christmas parties that they gave to refugees.

BOB asked about the bomb damage in Berlin and the V. said that she was just horrified by it, but she added that Dresden was even worse, and said that the skeleton walls still standing seem to make things worse.

BOB remarked that they hadn't started to rebuild like the Poles, and the V. said that in Eastern Berlin they were starting to do so along the same lines. She remarked on a block of flats that had been built and were being given to the best Activists in the factories, but stated that though she used to know Berlin well in the pre Hitler days, she simply could not recognise it.

She went on to say that she had got the impression that the Russians were behaving with the most extraordinary tact and circumspection, and told BOB of crossing the frontier in the train, when only one Russian Officer was visible, who had been very polite.

The V. continued by stating that she had had a talk with GERHARD EISLER and that he had stated that they got no interference from the Russians whatsoever and that they gave them advice only on occasions, which was usually extremely good advice.

She said that she was struck by two things, one of which was the rather colossal war memorial to the Red Army in Berlin which

she didn't

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She said that they hadn't realised this and that they had been given a box and in the intervals, first the leading socialist women had come to be presented to them and then the Minister of Health himself. She went on to talk of the impressions she had received during the four days that she was in the country and the better economic conditions of the ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ people there and remarked on the food. She stated that they had such a big harvest there, that they were now running campaigns against wasting the grain by giving it to the proverbial geese, and stated that they had an abundance that they could export. She said that she had to explain to some of "our people" there, how there was a free market with such an abundance of food in the shops, by explaining that it was only after the rich, who lived on investments and unearned income, had been destroyed in this country, could a free market be restored.

The V. then told BOB of conversations she had had with various travelling companions on the train from Berlin to Prague and later in reply to a query from BOB, said that she didn't like the feeling in Berlin and that it was terribly tense. She again spoke of HESLER, who had taken the Chair at a press conference and went on to comment on the difficulty the members of the delegation had in moving freely about Berlin as the translators had been instructed never to let a delegate out of their sight. She stated that they had been conducted everywhere and were delivered back to their hotels too tired to do anything else.

The V. left.

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she didn't think was exactly good propaganda. The other thing, was when they went to the Opera in Prague one night and Czech and Slovak anthems and the Russian one were played before the curtain went up. ? She said that she had asked OTTO, who was with her, about it, and that he had said that of course they looked on Russia as their liberators, but she thought that there was such a thing as National Independence and National Integrity of a country and that she thought that it had struck a false note. She added that if there had been Russian visitors at the Opera it would have been appropriate.

She said further, that she had been worried to see in Czechoslovakia the wide basis there still was for the enemy, and stated that it seemed to be more so there than in any of the other new democracies. BOB commented that was why they remained relatively friendly.

The V. went on to say that she was impressed by the normalcy of the country but that she was surprised by the size of the problem that the church created there. She stated that she had always acquainted Roman Catholicism with a peasant and backward economy and cited Mexico, Spain and Ireland as examples, but that she had never realised that it was so strong in Czechoslovakia.

She stated that she had had a talk with FIEHLINGER (phon) who was one of the Deputy Prime Ministers, who had been at a banquet that she had attended, and that he had been saying that they couldn't make an attack on the ideology of the church, but they could only attack the physical action of it. BOB remarked that if they cut them off from the direction of the Vatican, that it would help them. The V. said that the Minister of Health was a Roman Catholic Priest and that the night that they had gone to the opera, the whole theatre had been booked for a gala performance by the Socialist Party.

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448

Extract for File No.: P.F. 41,664 Name: KATZ.

Original in File No.: P.F. 302,011 Serial: 96a. Receipt Date: 13.4.50.

Original from: P.B.I. report. Under Ref.: No. 2994. Dated: 6.4.50.

Extracted on: 7.12.50. by: DEW Section: R.5.

Extract from P.B.I. report re Paul WILLERT (connected with Soviet intelligence activities).

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I thought you would be interested to know that Whittaker Chambers has been reinterviewed regarding Willert and he insists that information he previously furnished concerning Willert is correct, in as far as Willert may have been truthful with Chambers. ...

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Chambers stated that Willert never mentioned Dr. Otto Katz to Chambers. In fact, the only time Chambers ever heard the name Katz was in 1937 when Maxim Lieber told Chambers that Katz had been in to see Lieber. Chambers didn't question Lieber as to the identity of Katz but thought Lieber possibly had reference to Willie Muenzenburg, whose alias was Katz.

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Copy in PF.41664 Otto KATZ. *446a*

PF.42279/B.1.B(MJEB)

20 February, 1950.

Dear

Would you please refer to correspondence regarding Ilse KATZ nee KLAGEBANN, wife of the well known Otto KATZ, ending with our PF.41664/P2a(b)/MBT of 15 March, 1946. *398a*

We should be grateful if you could let us know whether you have received any subsequent information about this woman.

Yours sincerely,

M. J. E. Bagot

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Extract for File No.: P.F. 41,664 Name: KATZ.

Original in File No.: P.F. 302,021 Serial: 830 Receipt Date: .

Original from: B.2.A. report. Under Ref.: - Dated: 23.12.49.

Extracted on: 20.12.50. by: DEW Section: R.5.

Extract from B.2.A. report re interview by Mr. Skardon with Paul WILLERT
(connected with Soviet Intelligence activities) on 15.12.49.

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So far as WILLERT recalls, he has never heard the name of ULRICH. He did not recognise the name ULANOWSKI or any other alias used by this man, nor did he identify his photograph which I produced to him. He admits the possibility that he passed a message of the kind referred to by CHAMBERS from Dr. Otto KATZ, but he is not at all sure that the name of ULRICH was mentioned.

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It is perhaps worth while referring to one or two characters who emerge from the interrogation:-

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Otto KATZ @ D.K. SIMON @ BREDA.

At the time that WILLERT was in Paris working for CAMPBELL STUART, Otto KATZ was there and in regular contact with Genevieve TABOIS. WILLERT used KATZ as a straight informant during this period. He regards him as a most despicable character and, although he did not make it quite clear why, he said that he would like to murder him. KATZ has an actress wife formerly known as PISCARTI.

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PISCARTI Theatre

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Extract for File No.: P.F. 41,664 Name: KATZ.

Original in File No.: P.F. 302,011 Serial: 82a. Receipt Date:

Original from: B.2.A. report. Under Ref.: Dated: 13.12.49.

Extracted on: 20.12.50. by: DEW Section: R.5.

Extract from B.2.A. report re interview by Mr. Skardon with Paul WILLERT, (connected with Soviet Intelligence activities), mentioning ULANOWSKI and KATZ.

On the 12th December, 1949, having learned that the above named was now in London, I telephoned to his address and discovered that he was likely to be there at 2 p.m. that day. I visited the house at that time and found him home, although he claimed to have an appointment at 2.30 p.m. elsewhere. This only gave me ten minutes with him, but I think that this time was used profitably.

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He said that Whittaker CHAMBERS, at the time that he knew him, was in daily fear of his life and expected to be found one morning in the East River. I decided to take the plunge, and asked him if he knew ULRICH alias ULANOWSKI. WILLERT denied knowing this name, but I put it to him that he had passed a message to Whittaker CHAMBERS from this man. He then recalled that he had passed a message to Whittaker CHAMBERS from Otto KATZ, which may very well have emanated from ULRICH.

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Extract for File No.: PF. 41664 Name: KATZ, Otto
 Original in File No.: PF. 66,611 Serial: 58a Receipt Date: 20.9.49.
 Original from: S. I. S. Under Ref.: Dated: 17.9.49.
 O Extracted on: 22.10.49. by: HFC Section: R.7.

Extract from S.I.S. report forwarded under cover of the above letter, of an interview between an S.I.S. Officer and Leopold HERMANN, mentioning KATZ.

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H. was asked regarding Otto KATZ (mentioned in an earlier report as a contact of H.) and although at first he did not remember this individual he finally did admit to having been introduced to him in Paris by a certain DEMILOTTE who was editor of the "Journal de Debat". H. says that he believes KATZ was the Chief Editor of the "Journal" "L'Ordre" and financed this paper. H. was at any rate appointed "L'Ordre" correspondent by KATZ and wrote articles under the assumed name of Leon BERG. There were about four or five articles on Sudeten questions, from Czechoslovakia, for which he was paid. He was under the impression that KATZ was at that time interested in collecting Leftist propaganda for Spain during the Spanish War, and that he was also collecting information on Leftist political questions in Central Europe.

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SIMONE. André

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Original from: Int. letter

Under Ref.:

Dated:

21.1.49

Extracted on: 5.5.49

by:

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Cross reference of intercept letter from Telepress,
Czechoslovakia. To Derek Kartun Esq. Daily Worker, 75
Farringdon Rd. E.C.1. Enclosing article by André SIMONE
@ KATZ (Entitled 'Statistical Contrast - U.S.A. AND
U.S.S.R.') Who is correspondent of TELEPRESS.

29th Apr R.E.

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25th January, 1949.

C4a/Gen/EJS

Dear Mr. St. John,

With reference to your letter A.I.B.4/2/4 666546, of 6 Dec 48, regarding those individuals connected with the International Secretariat of the League against Imperialism, who are still included on the Home Office Suspect Index, we have no security objection to the cancellation of the following:-

Gunter SCHULZ.
 Wolfgang DUNCKER.
 Fritz (Heinrich Wilhelm) GRANZOW.

However, we would like to retain the following and have issued new circulars asking that we may be notified of their arrival and departure:-

Ilse Lotte KATZ @ KLAGEMANN.
 Dr. Benedikt FREISTADT @ Bruno FREI @ FREY.

With regard to Otto or Rudolf KATZ @ JOSEPH @ Andre SIMON, his case was revised in Jan 48 and a new circular (S.C. 8455) was issued on 7.2.48.

We have not yet been able to clear Heinz (Heinrich) WEISKOPF or Franz WEISKOPF, but I will let you know as soon as a decision is reached.

E.F.L. St. John, Esq.,
 Immigration Branch,
 Home Office,
 271 High Holborn,
 LONDON W.C.1.

Yours sincerely,

KJS.
 Eve J. Sinclair,
 for W.E. Hinchley Cooke.

Handwritten notes:
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 25-1-49/ma

G.F.D. Paterson, Esq.
British Embassy,
WASHINGTON.

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y to: D.3.b.

PF.93045/B.1.b/W.D.

18 September, 1949.

Dear Commissioner,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Clara Bern DOMELER, especially your letter No. D.935-5032 dated 4 May, 1949, with its interesting enclosures. It is regretted that it is not yet possible to give you information about her activities in Iron Curtain countries, though enquiries have been made.

Meanwhile you may care to know that Rod ADAMSON, to whom DOMELER was recommended, has been identified with the Australian Rodric Tolmie ADAMSON, born 19 June, 1923. He describes himself as a motion picture operator, and has been living at Prague XIX, Titova tr. 60. In what form of activity ADAMSON is engaged is not exactly known, but he is a communist suspect. He attended the August 1948 International Conference of Working Youth in Warsaw and is at present believed to be attending the Budapest Congress of the World Federation of Democratic Youth.

Another name contained in the diary held by DOMELER has been possibly identified as that of Charles WILMS, a London communist. Another British communist also contained is Sidney L. CRAWLEY, Secretary of the Standard London, branch of the Communist Party. We do not know whether DOMELER was in touch with either of these persons during her stay here.

We have noted with interest the names of Mrs. MORSKI, Paul MERK and Andre SIMONE in this connection. MERK, who was also referred to in your letter 48 D. 192-1-G.94 of 11 February, 1949, is known to be a Paul MERK ZIERG, alias PAUL or RUL, born 1 February, 1894. In 1946, accompanied by several other prominent members of the "Freie Deutschland" group, he sailed from Manzanillo, Mexico, in the ship vessel "Gogol" bound for Berlin via Vladivostok. Our most recent information is that on 14 September, 1946, he gave an account of the International Trade Union Movement to the central executive committee of the German trade unions "Nahrung und Genuss."

About Andre SIMONE, alias KATZ, alias BREDA, we have little information. KATZ, as you know, has been an active communist in the international field for at least fifteen years and has been largely connected with the Workers International Relief. In March 1946, KATZ returned to Czechoslovakia from Mexico, where he was alleged to have held an important position in communist circles and possibly to have been connected with Soviet intelligence service.

Hannah GLAZEROVA, to whom Tim BUCK recommended DOMELER in Czechoslovakia, is known to us as a prominent communist associated with the production of the "Prague News Letter". She was born at Pilsen on 25 December, 1920, and came to the United Kingdom in July 1939 as a domestic servant, travelling on Czech passport No. 27455/1005 H. issued 15 June, 1939. She came to notice during the war as being a member of the Editorial Staff of the Czech communist newspaper "Mlada Ceska Slovesko". She left this country for Prague in July 1945.

Yours sincerely,

G. B. MITCHELL

Sir Percy Sillitoe.

Commissioner S.T. Wood, C.M.G.,
R. C. M. P.,
Justice Building,
OTTAWA.

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PF. 41,664

inal in: SF.50/6/68/Suppl A 5a(3) sent under cover of letter from
 Assistant Military Attache, French Embassy, ref.2722
 dated 20.1.49. recd. 22.1.49.

Le 22 Décembre 1948.

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Référence : Votre 205

Leeburg 13.12

La présence de Otto KATZ à BERLIN nous a été signalée.

Nous n'avons rien de plus sur cette question que ce que vous nous
 avez signalé vous-même dans votre note 205.

2/3/15
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Reference No: 1425

71 Grosvenor Street
London, W.1.

17 January 1949

Broadway

Dear Douglas,

Our representative in Germany has sent the attached copy of the "Londoner Informationsbriefe V. III Nr. 11/1 November 1948".

This document concerns "Kominformagenten in der Amerikanischen Zone - Dr. Rudolf KATZ alias Leopold BAUER".

Our representative advises that the name is incorrect and that Dr. Otto KATZ alias Andre SIMON is obviously meant (Otto KATZ was the subject of letter No. 176 of 16 January 1947 from Mr. H.A.R. Philby in reply to an enquiry from me). Our representative states Rudolf KATZ, former head of the K.P.D. in Hesse, is frequently confused with Otto KATZ.

Too, our representative believes that Ruth FISCHER (nee RISLER), who is known to you, is connected with this "London Informationsbriefe".

Do you and/or A.I.-5 have regular access to this publication? If not, and you wish it, I shall attempt, through our representative in Germany, to get copies of future issues.

It would be appreciated if you would return this document to me via Mr. Graham Mitchell, A.I.-5, when you have finished with it, as I have no other copy.

Sincerely,

Win

American Embassy

Attache

26 JAN 1949

cc: Mr. Graham Mitchell ✓
A.I.-5

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TO B.I.

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EXTRACT.

t for File No.:.....P.F.41664.....Name:.....KATZ Otto.....

al in File No.:.....S.F.411/Germany/4.....Serial:.....Dated:15.7.42.....

Extracted on:....24.7.42.....by:.....ERD/R4.....Section:.....

Original from S.I.S.'s New York representative.....Under Ref.:.....GX12650/5247.....
 dated 20.5.42. Forwarded by S.I.S. V.a.
 14.7.42.

RUDOLPH FEISTMANN

We attach copy of a letter sent by G.EISLER to Rudolph FEISTMANN. From this letter it will be seen that FEISTMANN is still extremely active in attempting to secure the release of his friends in French Internments Camps. The OTTO referred to is probably Otto KATZ. . . .

Extract from letter from G.EISLER C/o American Spanish Aid Committee 425 4th Av. New York to Rudolf FEISTMANN 214 Calle de Rajio Dep. 16, Mexico City. 16.2.42. Writer discusses the work of the American Spanish Aid Committee and states P.T.O.

that "tomorrow the committee will pay the passage for the first five on address list, that to hasten this question is to make it sure, and that the visas are more necessary than ever.

Writer states that in regard to the question of invitation, it will be done as addressee and OTTO propose.

A.I.B.4/2/4
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M.1.5.

Copies in PF. 42279 (KLAGEMANN)
PF. (WILLMANN)
PF. 42973 (DUNKER)
PF. 44493 (GRANZOW)
OF. 16/1
PF. 41898 (WEISKOPF)
PF. 42085 (FREISTADT)

Arrangements were made in 1933 for the inclusion in the Home Office Suspect Index of certain individuals connected with the International Secretariat of the League against Imperialism. A list of the persons concerned was included with a letter from your Department reference OF 6/1/DS9 dated 19th August 1933.

An examination of the Suspect Index shows that the following names have been cancelled:- Johannes SCHULZ, Sophie BAROFSKI, Erwin E. KISCH and Wilhelm MUNZENBERG. There are, however, eight names listed below which are still shown in the Index, and it would be appreciated if arrangements could be made for these to be considered on security grounds with a view to possible deletion from the Index.

Otto or Rudolf KATZ @ JOSEPH @ Andre SIMON
✓ Ilse Lotte KLAGEMANN
✓ Wolfgang DUNKER
✓ Heinz (Heinrich) WILLMANN
Fritz (Heinrich Wilhelm) GRANZOW
Gunter SCHULZ
Benedict FREISTADT
Franz WEISKOPF

Immigration Branch,
Home Office,
271, High Holborn,
W.C.1.

6th December, 1948.

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sub 6 DEC 1948

TO C4A

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As per
File (H.M.)
27/12/48

Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

CX.12650/2772 of 29 November 1948.
R.B.B.2.Dear Miss Bagot, *5 Bagot 21/11/48**x* Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMONE

We last wrote to you about subject in our 94999/A of
25 August 1948.

Our latest information on him (dated early November) is from
a reliable source who states that subject
arrived Berlin approximately November 1st and is now giving lectures
to selected members of S.E.D. central committee on strategy and
technique of Bolshevik party and on Putsch experiences from
Czechoslovakia.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M.J.E. Bagot,
M.I.5.

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22nd October, 1948Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMONE

Reference your enquiry:

A well placed source states that though he knows KATZ only by name, he does not think KATZ has visited the Embassy recently and doubts if he was even in London. He believes, moreover, that Dr. KAVAN would certainly have mentioned any visit by KATZ to London, since he is a well-known author in Czechoslovakia.

An equally well placed source remembers that a few months ago a certain SIMON came repeatedly to the Embassy, asking for Dr. GOLDSTUCKER. This man spoke with a Viennese accent and knew little Czech. He was believed to be a writer and journalist. It is possible that this man is identical with Andre SIMONE, source doubts, however, if this man's visit was connected with an examination of the reliability of the Embassy staff.

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Germany 442.11.11.48

No further distribution to be given to any part
of this report without reference to this Office.

German Political Department.

No.145, dated 13.11.48.

G e r m a n yOtto Katz in Berlin.

The following dated early in November has been ascertained
by trustworthy means through COMPASS:

* Otto Katz, * a prominent Czech Communist and editor of
"Rude Pravo", arrived in Berlin about 1st November and is now
giving lectures to selected members of the S.E.D. Central Committee
on the strategy and technique of the Bolshevik Party and on Putsch
experiences from Czechoslovakia.

Copies to: Mr. Halford. Service Departments, F.O.R.D.(XXXX)

M.I.5. J.I.B. I.R.D.

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2nd October, 1948Otto KATZ alias Andre SIMONE

Reference your enquiry:

This man, who is of Austrian origin, is about 53 years old. He is a well-known Communist and has been a member of the Party for many years, having been first a member of the Austrian C.P. and then later he joined the Czech C.P. He is a journalist, a writer and a reporter. Before the war he was connected with Willy MUENZENBERG's publishing business and was on the editorial staff of his "Welt am Abend" and "Arbeiter Illustrierte Zeitung". He also contributed regularly to other organs of the Communist Party. He went to France in 1938, to the U.K. in 1939, to Mexico in 1940 and to France again and Czechoslovakia in 1946. He is a regular contributor to the ideological organ of the K.P.C., "Tvorba" (Creation), which is a Communist weekly in Prague intended for the Party officials. KATZ is vehemently opposed to the Western outlook and was closely connected with the Comintern before the war and with the Cominform at the present time. He is undoubtedly a dangerous person.

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B.1.A/7431

Thank you for your report of 2nd October 1948 regarding Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMONE, but this does not answer my question of 22.9.48.

Otto KATZ is of course very well known as a Communist. What I wanted to know was whether your source could confirm the report that he had visited this country recently for the purpose of reporting on the reliability of certain members of the Czech Legation in London, and that he had travelled under a false name.

B.1.b.

11th October 1948

L. Tolson
W. J. E. Bagot.

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W. F. 44-651/B. 1. B (MATS)

Would you please refer to your
of the 25th August and 15th September, 1948.

We have no record of this man and the discrepancy between his age and that of Otto KATZ confirms the conclusions in your second letter that the two cannot be identical.

h. J. Bagot.
Bagot, Jr. Bagot

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It has been reported that the wellknown Czech Communist Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMONE has visited this country for the purpose of reporting on the reliability of certain members of the Czech Legation in London, and that he travelled under a false name.

Can any of your sources confirm this visit, please?

B.1.b.
22.9.48.

L. J. Bagot
M.J.E. Bagot

GR
27/10/53
Bob (Hox)
22/9

Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

431
of 15th Sept. 1948

Dear Miss Bagot,

My of 25th August 1948 refers..

Further investigations have established that Paulo BREDA is not identical with Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMONE @ Rudolf BREDA, although the two men may be connected.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M.J.E. Bagot,
M.I.5.

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Our Reference... PF. 41664 Section... B. 1B H.O. Reference.....
KATZ (if known)

Surname... BREDA Christian Names... Filko Paulo

Sex... M Nationality... Brazilian
 (If naturalised British state when)

Date of Birth... 3.12.1924
 (or age)

Other particulars (e.g., Address, Occupation, Passport No., Recent Movements):

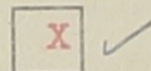
Passport No. 5104 San Paulo 11.9.47.
 Occupation: Student
 Left U.K. for Dunkirk on 21.5.48.

N.B. Use a separate Form for each name.

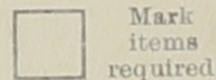
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Copy of Traffic Index Card **Arrival only, please.**



Copy of Central Aliens Register Card



H.O. File



Please arrange for notification of any future Change of Registration District



16 SEP 1948

Date... 14.9.48

Signature... P.B. for M.J.E. Bagot.

For use of Home Office Liaison Section

To... B.B

Section... R/Ho

P.T.O. for copies of T.I. and C.A.R. Cards.

Date... 17.9.48

Signature... Raisee-Smith

Copy of Card in Traffic Index.

* ARRIVAL.

* DEPARTURE.

*Port of Embarkation abroad

*Port of Disembarkation abroad

Calais

Name

BREDA Filko Paulo

Age

3.12.24

Sex

M

Passport No., Date and Place of Issue

5104 S. Paulo 11.9.47.

Occupation

Student

Nationality

Brazilian

Nationality at Birth

Brazilian

Address in United Kingdom

Eccleston Hotel - Eccleston

*Port of Arrival

Dover

17 May 48. (5)

*Port of Departure

Description of passenger and class travelled

Other information

* Strike out where inapplicable.

Copy of Alien's Registration Card.

* LIVE SECTION.

* DEAD SECTION.

Extract of particulars of Registration.

Name

Alias

Nationality

(previous)

Born

in

Occupation

Arrived U.K.

Left U.K.

Re-entered U.K.

Passport

Registration District

Serial No.

I.B. or R.C. No.

Address

Remarks

N.B.—Changes of address within the Registration District are not notified to the Central Aliens Registry.

*Strike out if inapplicable.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM HOME OFFICE RECORDS.

Our Reference P.F.41664 Section B.1.b. H.O. Reference.....
(if known)

Surname BREDA Christian Names Paulo

Sex M. Nationality Brazilian
(If naturalised British state when)

Date of Birth 3.12.24. at Itapetininga, Brazil.
(or age)

Other particulars (e.g., Address, Occupation, Passport No., Recent Movements):

Passport no. B/5104 issued Sao Paulo 11.9.47.

NOTE: It has been suggested that this may be an alias of Otto KATZ @ Rudolph BREDA who is the subject of an H.O. circular issued in January, 1948, and who is believed to have visited London travelling under a false name.

N.B. Use a separate Form for each name.

To R.1 for Home Office Liaison Section.

Please supply:

Copy of Traffic Index Card Arrival and departure, please ☒ ✓

Copy of Central Aliens Register Card ☐ Mark items required

H.O. File ☐

Please arrange for notification of any future Change of Registration District ☐

Date 9.9.48.

Signature ACM
for M.J.E. Bagot

For use of Home Office Liaison Section

To Bib

Section R/Ho

P.T.O. for copies of T.I. and C.A.R. Cards.

Date 10.8.48

Signature Fraiser Smith

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Copy of Card in Traffic Index.* ~~ARRIVAL.~~

* DEPARTURE.

*Port of Embarkation abroad

*Port of Disembarkation abroad

Dunkirk

Name

BRENDA FILKO Paulo

Age

3.12.1924

Sex

M

Passport No., Date and Place of Issue

5104 S. Paulo 11.9.1947

Occupation

Student

Nationality

Brazilian

Nationality at Birth

Brazilian

Address in United Kingdom

Not stated.

*Port of Arrival

*Port of Departure

Dover 21 May 1948 (5)

Description of passenger and class travelled

Other information

* Strike out where inapplicable.

Copy of Alien's Registration Card.

* LIVE SECTION.

* DEAD SECTION.

Extract of particulars of Registration.

Name

Alias

Nationality

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Born

in

Occupation

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of 25th August, 1948

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Dear Miss Bagot,

1. We have recently been sent by two reports concerning ~~Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMONE~~ from which I have made the following extracts and summaries which I think may interest you. The reports are dated June 1948.

2. The following statement by Lazlo DOBOS @ Louis GIBARTI, one of the editors of the Tribune des Nations, was passed to our representative by a delicate source. GIBARTI, a pre-war Comintern agent and associate of Willi MUNZENBERG, claims to have been non-Communist since 1938.

"The 'Agitprop department of the Cominform' is identical with the communist fraction of the International Journalists' Conference, held last year in Prague. The chief figure is Otto KATZ, @ Andre SIMONE, who is at present on a visit to Paris, with certain other members of the group, viz:

Johannes STEEL, American.

Louis DOLIVET.

Certain Latin-Americans, who presumably include Ricardo ENQUIN Argentinian, stated by source to be, on his own admission, the representative of CHIOLDI in France.

KATZ is giving directives to the communist and fellow travelling press - 'imparting advice and the wishes of Stalin' - and discussing plans for action in connection with

- (a) The American presidential elections, and the strengthening of the Wallace party.
- (b) Opposition to the French government, with the object of manoeuvring a crisis."

3. Our representative who like ourselves is sceptical about the Cominform reference in this statement, asked a source with a sound knowledge of pre-war Comintern affairs to comment on this statement. This source stated that KATZ had succeeded MUNZENBERG as head of the Western Bureau of the Comintern, and that it was evident from his present activity that he was still the most important communist agent outside Russia - 'certainly more

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powerful in Czechoslovakia than GOTTWALD'. This is the first time we had heard that KATZ had succeeded MUNZENBURG: Source stated that it was an established fact. If true it certainly supports DUBOS's information as also does source's assertion from personal observation, that KATZ directed the Czech delegation at the Peace Conference from behind the scenes.

4. in contact with our representative states that he has re-established relations with a former acquaintance Rudolf LEONHARD of 43, rue Monsieur Le Prince, Paris 62, whom he has known for about 15 years - LEONHARD 'is the Liaison officer between the French and German communist Parties'. He is in direct touch with Otto KATZ and Jacques DUCLOS, and works closely with Madeleine BRAUN (the latter's role as liaison with bodies outside the C.P.F. is established).

5. Our representative reminds us of the following on KATZ' background: 'In Mexico he became very active in Freies Deutschland (FBI December 13th, 1943) and is its general secretary (Censorship Index, February 15th, 1944) ... he has been equally active as a member of the Free Czechoslovakian organisation ... each organisation denies that he is a member of the other He is reported to have made a few trips into the United States, sometimes with MERKER, and to have met with the political committee of the communist party of the U.S.A. He did accompany Vicente IOMBARDO Toledano to the C.T.A.L. Congress in Cuba in July, 1943, Numerous sources call him the head of the G.P.U. in Mexico. He is reported to be a member of the Central executive committee for the K.P.D. in Mexico and even to be commissar for the K.P.D. in both Americas'. 18.3.46. KATZ passed through Paris on his way to Prague.

7. The following traces held by our representative are also of interest:-

9.9.46 First information on the setting up of the Czech information office in Paris which was later to publish "Parallele 50".

22.8.47. Note from a delicate source to the effect that KATZ's agents in Unesco reported to be Miroslav BURLAN and Jan OPOCENSKI.

3.2.48. Telegram stating Intelligence Service of Czech Ministry of Information pays a number of unaccredited foreign journalists in Prague but its most important agents are Egon KISCH and Andre SIMONE. Latter is foreign editor of Czech Communist daily "Rude Pravo" and makes frequent journeys to Paris where he has contacts in P.C.F.; he is also intimate with de VILLENEUVE, Counsellor of French Embassy Prague, who is a Communist.

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8. A report from dated 24.4.46 stated that 'There (i.e. in Paris 1938) KATZ bought the newspaper "L'Ordre" and was its real boss with Jeanne STEIN ... In February, 1940, Emile BURE and Genevieve TABOUIS, proteges of his, arranged for him to leave France for the United States as a political exile. You will recall that the radical "L'Ordre de Paris" has recently become fellow travelling, and BURE wrote an article in "Parallele 50" sympathetic to the Czech coup d'etat.

9. Our representative's comment on KATZ, to which we are not able at present to give support from other information is as follows:-

"The above traces indicate that, since the war, KATZ's activities have been those we would associate with a very highly placed Comintern agent. The width of the field covered by his activities is sufficient indication of this, and excludes the possibility of his being regarded merely as an official of the Czech Ministry of Information. We, therefore, think it feasible to put forward the theory that he is one of the principal means by which Moscow carries out its policy in Western Europe and America, and that he is either the head, or the chief mouthpiece of, a Comintern-type organisation operating from the rear base of Prague and the forward base of Paris. The maximum interpretation of his powers would make him director of all communist policy in the western area, including that of the national parties, but it would appear more likely that he is in charge of extra-party activities. The priority task at the moment would clearly be the fomenting of the Wallace and Zilliacus factions, considered by Moscow to be of much greater importance than the national parties, of the respective countries, and the creation of trouble in France: it would not seem unlikely that DOBOS' information is correct.

10. On 29th June, reported the following from DOBOS:

"KATZ has returned to Prague. Some time during his stay in Paris he made a trip to London, on behalf of the Czech government to report on the reliability of certain members of the Legation. He travelled under a false name."

Our station added the following note:

"During April - May and June no diplomatic visas have been given to Czech officials. If the above is true, KATZ must have travelled on a service or ordinary passport. Since KATZ has used the alias of Rudolf BREDA, there is an outside chance that the following, who was granted a visa on 11.5.48, may be identical:

/Paulo BREDA

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Paulo BREDA, Brazilian, passport no. B/5104 issued Sao Paulo.
11.9.47. But date of birth is given as 3.12.24.,
at Itapetininga, Brazil. Permanent address:
Sorocaba, R. Jose Bonifacio 86. Present address:
15, rue Duguay Trouin. There are no other details
but P.C.O. have a record of his signature."

Can you throw any light on the identity of Paulo BREDA? X

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Yours sincerely,

Miss M.J.E. Bagot,
M.I.5.

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✓ P.A. Jr.

PF.41664 (Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMONE).

"New Times", the Soviet weekly journal published by "Trud" in Moscow, issue No. 18 dated 28th April, 1948, included an article by Andre SIMONE entitled "1890 - 1948, Letter from Prague".

B.1.b.
9.6.48.

L. J. Bagot.
M. J. E. Bagot.

✓ h.f.
15.6.48

Q. R. C.
27/6/53.

426a

SECRET

5th May 1948.

P.F.41664/B1b/MJEB.

Dear

You may care to know that a cable of condolence on the death of Egon Erwin KISCH was sent by William and Tamara RUST from the "Daily Worker" office in London to Otto KATZ, under the name of "Simone" at Prague 19, Pevnostni 22.

Yours sincerely,

M.J.E. Bagot
M.J.E. Bagot.

S.I.S.

MJEB/WMS

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ELT Simone Prague 19 Pevnostni 22 =

Deeply distressed at sad news have cabled Giesel =

Bill and Tamara +

Sdr :- Daily Worker TER 6444 +

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PT 41664 (KATZ) B2B 1/4/48

Gibson. Already requisitioned
for B. B. 1/4/48.BIB
12/4/48.

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27/1/48. Bill Morris
4-5-48

EXTRACT.

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Extract for File No. P.F.41664. Name: KATZ.
 Original in File No. S.F.411/CZECHOSLOVAKIA vol.7. Serial: 301a. Receipt Date: 9.3.48.
 Original from: S.I.S. Under Ref.: Dated: 8.3.48.
 Extracted on: 15.4.48. by: DEC. Section: R.4.

Extract from report on Communist activities in CZECHOSLOVAKIA,
 forwarded by S.I.S. dated 8.3.48.

Period 15.1.48 - 15.2.48.

Page 6 VARIOUS

23. Otto KATZ (Andre SIMONE) was reported to be on a visit to Bulgaria, and to have been received by Dimitrov on 8.2.48. On the following day he proceeded to Belgrade, where he will stay for a fortnight and lecture on Czechoslovakia's international situation.....

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 P.F.69053 (PORETHOGENIS)
 P.F.70614 (GOMULKA)
 P.F.64306 (PAUKER)
 P.F.41664 (SIMONE) ✓ R. Pl. P.A.
 P.F. (CLAESSENS)

4th March, 1948.

S.F.411/Belgium/B.L.B. (MJB)

Dear

Would you please refer to my S.F.411/
 Belgium/B.L.B. (MJB) of the 21st February,
 1948, regarding Bob CLAESSENS.

333a in
 vol. 6
 SF.411/
 Belgium

If you have not received this information
 from any other source, you may care to know
 that he is editor of 'Renovation' (Revue de
 Doctrine et d'Action du Parti Communiste de
 Belgique), the editorial offices of which are
 at 18-20, Avenue de Stalingrad, Brussels
 (telephone number 12.01.00). As editor of
 this monthly theoretical review of the Belgian
 Communist Party, CLAESSENS has been in corres-
 pondence with Arthur GLENN of the British Communist
 Party and Raymond W.H. of the New China News
 Agency, 112, Fleet Street, N.C.4.

Source:

325a in
 vol. 5
 S.F.411/
 Belgium

In addition 'Renovation' receives material
 on countries including Czechoslovakia, France,
 Yugoslavia, Roumania, Greece and Poland from
 Andre SIMONE, Paul GABRIEL, Marechal TITO, Anna
 PAUKER, Nikolaos PORETHOGENIS and SCHULZ
 respectively.

Yours sincerely,

W. J. B. Bagot
 W. J. B. Bagot

P.A.

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EXTRACT.

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Extract for File No. PF 41664 Name KATZ.
 Original in File No. PF 47298 Serial 130a Receipt Date 19.2.48.
 Original from S.I.S. Under Ref. CX 12650/3286 Dated 18.2.48.
R.5.X.3.
 Extracted on 26.5.48. by EJS Section R.4.

Extract from S.I.S. report on Rudolf FEISTMANN, mentioning Otto KATZ.

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we have that FEISTMANN is said to have been an
 OGPU agent in Mexico, and to have associated with Otto KATZ, alias Andre SIMON,
 a known Communist. He has also been given as KATZ's Political Secretary.

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EXTRACT.

1423 a

Extract for File No.: P.F.41664. Name: KATZ Alias SIMONE.
 in File No.: S.F.411-CZECHOSLOVAKIA. Serial: 294A. Receipt Date: 2.2.48.
 Original from: S.I.S. vol.6. Under Ref.: Dated: 31.1.48.
 Extracted on: 13.2.48. by: DEC. Section: R.4.

Extract from report dated 15-12-47 to 15-1.48, on Communist
 Activities in Czechoslovakia, forwarded by S.I.S. on 31.1.48.

.....Attacks on the U.S.A. have been stepped up since the failure of the
 Council of Foreign Ministers in London, for which the blame is of course laid
 at America's door. Andre SIMONE "Rude Pravo's" Paris correspondent, has
 written some particularly virulent articles making personal attacks on
 individual American public figures. He has also dealt scathingly with the
 Marshall Plan, to which he refers as the "Trojan Horse of Wall Street." Abusive
 articles on Britain have been merely spasmodic, and the British are generally
 portrayed as following meekly in America's footsteps. An article in "Prace"
 (Trades Union organ) ascribes the increasing restrictions being imposed on
 the British people and the alleged disintegration of the British Empire
 to the fact that the country is now in decline.....

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P.F.41,664/C4a/ENC.

24th January, 1948.

Dear Mr. Perks,

Otto or Rudolph KATZ @
Andra SIMONE is the subject of
S.C. 8455.

Would you please arrange for
this circular to be cancelled.

Yours sincerely,

Hileen Craig,
for W.E. Hinchley Cooke.

H.M. Chief Inspector,
Immigration Branch,
Home Office,
271, High Holborn,
LONDON, W.C.1.

27/4/51
26-1-48

D R A F T.

IMMIGRATION BRANCH,
HOME OFFICE,
PRINCETON HOUSE,
271, HIGH HOLBORN,
W.C.1.

S.C.

January, 1948.

To the Immigration Officer,

KATZ, Otto @ Rudolf @ Joseph @ Simon @ Breda Rudolf.
@ SIMONE, Andre.

Entry for Suspect Index: -

KATZ, Otto @ Rudolf @ Joseph @ Simon @ Breda Rudolf:
/195/M/Cz/Journalist/bol/SAaQ/S.C.
@ SIMONE, Andre. " " " " " " /S.C.

A Czech Jew, born 27.5.1895 at Jistenbnice, Czechoslovakia.
Occupation - journalist.

Height 5' 6"; blue eyes; scar running from under left
nostril to right side of chin.

His arrival/departure, forward address and destination,
should be reported to M.I.5. by telephone. A written report
should be submitted of any documents of political nature which
routine customs search may reveal.

W.R. PERKS.

H.M. Chief Inspector.

All Ports.
Scotland Yard.
Ministry of Labour.
Burma Office.
Colonial Office.
Dominions Office.
India Office.
Passport and Permit Office.
Passport Control for general circulation

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P.F.41664/C4a/EHC.

24th January, 1948.

Dear Mr. Perks,

Attached are the case sheets
and draft circular for KATZ, Otto @
Rudolf @ Joseph @ Sion @ Breda Rudolf,
@ SIMONE, Andre, for entry in H.O.S.I.

Will you please approve, or
amend the circular and insert the
relevant S.C. number. May we please
have six copies of the circular when
it is printed.

Yours sincerely,

E. C.

Eileen Craig,
for W.E. Hinchley Cooke.

H.M. Chief Inspector,
Immigration Branch,
Home Office,
271, High Holborn,
LONDON, W.C.2.

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P.F. 41664. Vol: 4.

MEMO.

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C.4.a.
12.1.48.

Eileen Craig.
Eileen Craig.

LM/R4.

6.1.48.

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Copied 6.1.48. DB.

For: P.F. 41664. KATZ.
 P.F. 41804. KISCH.

Original filed in: S.F. 92/CZECH/H. O.

Copy of Report No. 1456 from S.I.S. dated 17.11.47.

Secret.

In reply, state NUMBER and DATE.

ENCLOSURE 1 page.

10 DEC 1947

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PF 41664

of 17th December 1947.

Dear

Miss Bagot 24/1/48

I attach a copy of a report
 has received from a source who has produced useful information
 in the past.

KISCH and KATZ are well known to you, your last reference
 in correspondence with us being your PF.41664 of 15.3.46.

Grete REINER is, of course, subject of paragraph 2 of your
 SF.84/Czech/3 of 9.10.47.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M.J.E. Bagot,
 M.I.5.

No. 1456

17.11.47.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA : POLITICAL
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OF THE MINISTRY OF
INFORMATION

1. The Communist Minister of Information, KOPECKY, has his own Intelligence Service attached to the 6th Section of the Ministry, which deals with cultural relations with foreign countries, and which is directed by Dr. HOFFMEISTER.
2. A certain number of unaccredited foreign journalists who frequent PRAGUE are paid by this service, but its two most important agents are Ervin KISCH and ^{see list 19/12} André SIMONE (Otto KATZ). ^{see list 19/12} SIMONE is now foreign editor of the Communist daily "RUDE PRAVO", makes frequent journeys to PARIS where he is in contact with the French Communist Party, and is also on intimate terms with M. Pierre DEVILLENEUVE the Communist 1st Secretary of the French Embassy in PRAGUE.
3. The funds of this Intelligence Service are obtained from the monies allotted to the entertainment of foreign personalities.
4. A second informant gives further agents of this service as:-
 - a) SIMONIKOVA, employed in the Press Room of the Ministry of Information, whose business it is to make contact with all new foreign journalists.
 - b) ^{id. with Elsa Magdalena P.F. 72684} [Grete REJNEROVA,] who has been attached to the Czech Embassy in LONDON. REJNEROVA is described as a Slovak Jewess of Hungarian origin and only recently naturalised. She is the wife of a Hungarian sculptor. She is a Communist, intelligent and enterprising and is regarded by informant as a dangerous woman.
5. A different source states that SIMONIKOVA's Christian name is Květa, that her present salary is Kes. 1000 per week and that she was until recently employed by the American Embassy. During July 1947 she went on a trip to Italy, and REJNEROVA deputised for her in the Press Room.

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HOME OFFICE.

5th September, 1933.

S.O. 8455/651,685/H.O.

To the Immigration Officer.

Otto or Rudolph KATZ @ JOSEPH.

24.11.46

Czecho-Slovakian, born Jistebnice on 27.5.1895. Bearer of Czecho-Slovakian passport No. 16/33 issued at Zurich on 20.3.33. A Jew. Divorced.

He should not be allowed to land in the United Kingdom.

The following entries should be made in the Suspect Index:

JOSEPH Otto or Rudolph '95. - .M. Cz. - .sc. D. SC. 8455.

KATZ Otto or Rudolph '95. - .M. Cz. - .sc. D. SC. 8455.

F. STOVELL.

H.M. Chief Inspector,

Aliens Branch.

All Ports.
Scotland Yard.
M.I.5.

BFW
Copy.

HOME OFFICE.

25th October, 1933.

S.C. 8455/651,685/H.O.

To the Immigration Officer.

Joseph or Otto or Rudolph KATZ.

24.1.48

Subject of circular S.C. 8455 of 5.9.33 in which the name JOSEPH was erroneously given as a surname. The correct name is as heading.

This man was conditionally landed in 19.9.33 and embarked on 29.9.33.

He should not be allowed to land again in the United Kingdom.

The entry in the Suspect Index under JOSEPH should be deleted, and the entry under KATZ should be amended to read "KATZ Joseph or Otto or Rudolph".

F. STOVELL.
H.M. Chief Inspector,
Aliens Branch.

All Ports.
Scotland Yard.
M.I. 5.

BFW
Copy.

651685/18

20th April, 1934.

FS.

H.M. Inspector,
Dover.

Joseph or Otto or Rudolph KATZ.

The above named subject of S.S. 8455 is expected
to arrive at Dover at 5 p.m. on the 23rd instant.
He should be allowed to land for fourteen days.

Telegrams:—Passics, London.

Reply should be addressed to H.M. Chief
Inspector, Immigration Branch, Home
Office, and the following reference quoted:—

IMMIGRATION BRANCH,
HOME OFFICE

4136.

8 DEC 1947

File: 420
+ 422a.

Your reference _____

Miss Craig

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Herewith file & copies of
Circular SC 8455 for Otto or Rudolf KATZ.

If you agree, we will amend
the action for the aliases of KATZ to
read 'SC 8455'.

W. B. R. Sney

W. B. R. Sney
27/11/47

S. Form 81/P.G./3000/4.47.

EXTRACT.

412a

Extract for File No.: PF 41664 Name: KATZ Otto
 Original in File No.: PF 96523 KATZ Joseph. Serial: 144a. Receipt Date: 17.4.47.
 Original from: S.I.S. Report. Under Ref. Dated: 16.4.47.
 Extracted on: 23.5.47. by: PH Section: R4.

Extract from Letter from S.I.S. re Joseph KATZ ment. Otto KATZ.

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of 11.4.47.

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Your letter PF Y.96523/B.1.b./JHM of 20.12.46. refers to Joseph KATZ. You asked whether this KATZ is identical with Otto KATZ (your reference PF 41664/F2ab/MBT of 26.3.46.) We see no reason to believe that these two are identical.

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 Vol 4 F2C/MFS 27/8. S. Form 240

NAME KATZ Otto or Rudolf Ref.....
brech. born 1895

Green Card requested by..... Section on 8-4-33

To.....

The Green Card for the above named has been in the Traffic Index since 8-4-33 Is it necessary for it to remain?

Date 15-7-46 Signature [Signature]

To R.1—To note and return.

The Green Card for the above named should be

*Removed from the Traffic Index.

Retained in the Traffic Index until indefinitely.*

Date..... Signature.....

* Delete as necessary.

For Use in R.1.

Green Card Removed/~~Noted~~.

Date 22 SEP 1946 Signature [Signature]

This Form to be p.a. in File.

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Orig. in SF 411/Czechoslovakia, n/1
 ✓ Copy for PF 41664 Otto Katz. ✓
 2 SIMONE André

SF 411/Czechoslovakia/F2ab/LJEB

12th August, 1946.

Dear

In continuation of my SF 411/Czechoslovakia/F2ab/LJEB of 29th July, 1946, you may care to see and retain the attached copy of "Czechoslovak Democracy No. 6" dated July 1946.

I have kept no copy.

Yours sincerely,

M. J. L. Bagot.

S.I.S.

LJEB/EGD

Enclosure.

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On 29.7.46 a copy of Czechoslovak Democracy No. 6 (published by the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia) for July 1946 was sent from Prague to John Collam. Scottish C.P. Office, 68, West Regent Street, Glasgow C.2.

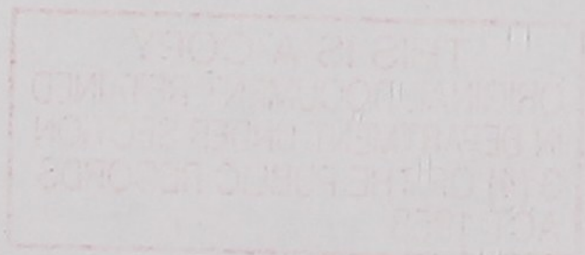
Included in this number was an article by Andre Simone entitled "Czechoslovakia at the Peace Conference".

The following items appeared on page five:-

Trade Unionists Gift to World Students Congress. The Czechoslovak Trade Union Council has presented a gift of 50,000 kcs to the International Preparatory Committee of the World Students Congress as a contribution to the organisation of the second World Students Congress which is to be held this year. The accompanying letter signed by the Chairman of the Trade Union Council, Antonin Zapotocky, and its General Secretary Evzen Erban states: This gift is an expression of the solidarity existing between the workers and employees and all progressive students. We wish your second World Congress full success. Together with you Czechoslovak workers and employees have torn down the wall that was built up between us in the past and we hope that it will never again be erected in the future.

13,000 engineers pledge themselves to the fulfilment of the two-year plan. In a letter to Prime Minister Gottwald, the Association of Czech Engineers 'ISA' promises its full support for the two-year plan. Czech engineers will put all their experience and technical knowledge at the service of the Government Programme, and they are prepared to intensify their efforts, in order to secure the fulfilment of the plan. The Association has a membership of more than 13,000 engineers drawn from all the technical branches."

The photostat of "Czechoslovak Democracy" No. 6 was sent to S.I.S. for retention on 12.8.46 under reference SF 411/Czechoslovakia /F2ab/MTEB



S. Form 81/P.G./3000/4.47

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Extract for File No. PF. 41664 Name: KATZ
 Original in File No. RL. 451/219 supp v. 2 Serial: 26a Receipt Date: 18.10.47.
 Original from: American Embassy Under Ref. No. 2356 Dated: 17.10.47.
 Extracted on: 4.12.47. by: EAS Section: R. 5.

Extract from memorandum on the interviews with Hedi and Paul
MASSING regarding Soviet Espionage.

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C. SUSPECTED ESPIONAGE AGENTS WITH WHOM MASSING WAS ACQUAINTED
IN EUROPE.

The following is a list of individuals, the majority of them German Communists, who fled to the western hemisphere at the start of war in Germany. Massing states that he knew most of them by reputation in Germany but a few he knew personally.

Some of them spent the duration of the war in Mexico as refugees, some in the United States as refugees and most of them have returned to Europe to become active in the Communist movement. Massing states while they were not strictly espionage agents, in fact, they were more probably Comintern agents nevertheless, it is possible that one or more of them would be used by the Soviets for espionage purposes:

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 P.T.O.

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2. Otto Katz, a Czech Communist, extremely pro-Soviet, unscrupulous, an associate of Egon Kish. This individual recently attended the Paris Peace Conference as a Czech delegate. He spent the balance of the war years in Mexico as a refugee.

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5. One KATZ, first name not recalled. This individual, probably of Polish background, was active in Spain as a Russian agent and is described by MASSING as a "hatchet man".....

(Note: Although the nationality given is wrong it seems possible that the above is identical with Otto KATZ. The description "hatchet man" would appear to correspond with the account given by other sources of his activities in Spain.)

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note
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ER/B.2.B.
10.55.

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EXTRACT.

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t for File No.: PF.41664..... Name: KATZ.....

l in File No.: L.451/305..... Serial: 89a..... Receipt Date: 23.5.46.....

Original from: American Embassy..... Under Ref.: 1963..... Dated: 23.5.46.....

Extracted on 23.10.46..... by EAS..... Section: R.4.....

X. Ref. to letter from the American Embassy re Vicente Lombardo TOLEDANO, dated 23.5.46.

Otto KATZ @ Andre SIMON, the Communist, is making arrangements for the European tour of Vicente Lombardo TOLEDANO, President of the Federation of Workers of Latin America, KATZ has recently returned to Europe from Mexico

① RB
27/6/53
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EXTRACT.

Extract for File No. P.F. 41664 Name: KATZ @ SIMON 40915
 Final in File No. S.F. 411/Czech. Vol.4. Serial: 206z Receipt Date: 13.5.46.
 Original from S.I.S. report Under Ref.: Dated: 10.5.46.
 Extracted on 27.8.46. by: VC Section: R4

REPORT ON CONGRESS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

1. A Congress of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia took place at Prague on 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st March, 1946.
 2. This was the Eighth Congress of the Party since its official foundation 25 years ago.
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5. The following delegates of Communist Parties from other countries attended the Congress:
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France

SIMON, Andre

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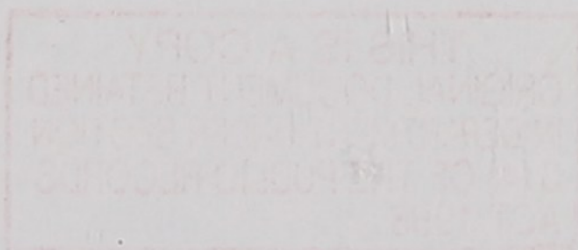
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(3) Foreign delegates, except those of Poland and Yugoslavia, do not appear to have committed themselves to anything beyond an expression of solidarity with the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia.

NOTE: As some of the information has been obtained from delicate sources, our representative requests that the greatest care should be taken in handling the report.



Copy for PF.41664 (KATZ) ✓
 Copy in PF.41804 (KISCH)

P.A. 12
 9.5.46

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4018

9th May, 1946.

P.F.65036/P.2.a/b (MSB)

Dear Mr. Philby,

Would you please refer to correspondence regarding Dragutin FODOR and Lenka REINHOLD ending with your of 30.10.45.

On 11.4.46. the latter wrote from Bulvar Orvene Armije 1/IV, Belgrade, to Dr. Joseph WINTERMITH, 16, Aberdare Gardens, London, N.W.6. (Who is, I think, well-known to you).

same.
 P65036
 (REINDER)
 56A.

The letter dealt chiefly with personal matters such as the arrival on March 15th of her daughter, Anna Alice, and FODOR's new job as a film director. You may be interested, however, in the following extracts:-

"May be I can't stay at the studio. During all these years, especially in Mexico, I learned well how to organise things and I would like to use this knowledge now. There are some plans to put me into the new-born Yugoslav-Czechoslovak committee. A work which I would like very much, because it would give me the direct connection to Prague. It is funny, how terribly I need this town. Not much more than ever. There are other projects."

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put me into the publishing-house for children-literature. But all this is still rather vague, especially, because I can't say yet, how far I shall be able to work, that is to say, how much time my daughter will need.....

So some friends think the best would be, if I would stay at the radio, where I can best arrange myself. Well, I shall see. Meanwhile I began to write again. Little things only. I sent them to the RF and became the most unusual answers that they have arranged financial matters. I never thought on financial matters and there I learn, that they pay - to some bank everything they print. Times have certainly changed.....

We had learned by a cable, that Egonka and Simone left Mexico for vague, but we had no idea, that their way is through London. Of course I am jealous of this chance. Meanwhile you have certainly seen them. Old Egonka, the fine girl, Andre Simone and his Ilshben. I am curious, what you will say about the latter two. I like them both very much. Those four years of Mexico the three couples of us lived in the most close and good friendship, which stood a number of proofs. I, of course, have always been treated like the daughter of two fathers; now I am a respectable mother. Things have to change! Simone is really a splendid journalist; I wonder how and where he will go to work.....

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INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Pierre Merin is of course the once young man you know. He was very pleased that you remember him, as he remembers you in good friendship and he asked me to tell you, that not only the Fedors are your friends in Yugoslavia, but the Merins as well. And if there is anything we could do, to help you in one way or the other in your work, we would be glad to. The Fedors add, that they still hope to see you in a very near future. Don't make a trip without seeing Yugoslavia! You have the right idea about this country. Also, the fact now is exactly at the places of the most terrible battles, written deeply impressed letters."

We have no record of Pierre Merin.

Yours sincerely,

H.J.R. Baret

H.A.R. Philby, Esq., C.B.E.,
S.I.S.

HJW/ML